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Docket No. 50-333

Mr. Harry P. Salmon, Jr.  
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James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant  
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SUBJECT: NRC REGION I INSPECTION NO. 50-333/95-21

Dear Mr. Salmon:

This refers to the results of a routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. G. Hunegs, R. Fernandes and others from September 24, 1995 to November 18, 1995 at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Scriba, New York. A summary of the inspection findings was presented to you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This report includes the fire protection program inspection, which was conducted during this period, in order to better integrate our inspection findings into a consistent regulatory message and more clearly communicate how these findings may reflect a change in your performance.

This inspection was directed toward areas important to public health and safety. Areas examined during the inspection are described in the NRC Region I inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of observation of activities, interviews with personnel, and document reviews.

We noted that you operated all four residual heat removal (RHR) pumps for a period of ten hours in the suppression pool cooling mode. There were no system abnormalities, pump performance or operator issues noted. Subsequent to the evolution, additional concerns were raised concerning the RHR system susceptibility to water hammer during pump operation. This issue is currently under review and will be documented in NRC Inspection Report 95-25.

During the fire protection program inspection, we noted that several enhancements made by your organization to fire protection controls demonstrated an improvement in program effectiveness. In addition, your approach for replacing inoperable emergency lights was considered excellent. We noted that you committed to include a seismic interaction evaluation for the storage of containers within the "C" emergency diesel generator cell.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report Number 50-333/95-21

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